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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that RAFAEL ANGEL GERMAN, age 42, formerly of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was sentenced today to imprisonment for a term of six months, followed by one year of supervised release, by United States District Court Judge Glenn T. Suddaby, in Albany, New York, for making a false claim of United States citizenship. Today's sentencing followed GERMAN's January 14, 2010 guilty plea.

GERMAN, a citizen of the Dominican Republic was encountered by a United States Border Patrol Agent near Mooers Forks, New York, just south of the border, after he illegally entered the United States without inspection at an unguarded location. In response to questions about his identify and citizenship, GERMAN told the Border Patrol Agent that he was a United States citizens born in Puerto Rico and that his name was Alexander Cintron. GERMAN was detained for crossing the border illegally and it was determined shortly thereafter that he was actually not a United States citizen and that in fact he was an illegal alien and citizen of the Dominican Republic.

This matter was investigated by the United States Border Patrol, Champlain, New York.

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